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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT RISES OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,062,600 in the middle of December, 1985, a strong net over-the-month increase of 19,300 persons (+0.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted total employment in the State was estimated to be 3,081,000 as of mid-December, 1985, a net monthly gain of 21,000 workers (+0.7 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT GROWS IN DECEMBER: Manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 815,300 in mid-December, 1985, a modest net monthly increase of 1,400 persons (+0.2 percent). The durable goods sector accounted for more than 85 percent of that gain with a net over-the-month rise of 1,200 workers (+0.4 percent). The "other" durable goods group, which includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing, grew by 500 workers (+3.4 percent) over the month to lead the way. The electrical machinery category added 400 people (+0.6 percent) from the middle of November to the middle of December, 1985. The nondurable goods sector exhibited a very slight monthly increase of 200 as seven of its nine industry groups displayed minimal growth. Most of that gain was offset by the loss of 700 workers (-2.7 percent) in tobacco manufacturing as the stemming and redrying section continued its seasonal cutbacks (-900).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: As of the middle of December, 1985, nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina was estimated to be 1,865,400, a net monthly increase of 6,000 persons (+0.3 percent). Primarily responsible for that gain was the growth in total trade of 8,800 workers (+1.5 percent) and specifically in retail trade (+9,600) as the holiday selling season peaked. The strong gain in trade, however, was partially offset by a monthly decline of 4,100 (-0.9 percent) in total government as local government (-3,000) and state government (-1,300) registered decreases.

TOTAL UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SIGNIFICANT DROP: Total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 134,500 as of the middle of December, 1985, a net monthly drop of 18,800 people (-12.3 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment dropped, falling from 4.8 percent in November to 4.2 percent in December. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 153,000 in mid-December, 1985, a net over-the-month rise of 6,000 persons (+4.1 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.6 percent to 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the United States stayed at 6.7 percent over the month. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 6.9 percent in December, 1985, and 7.0 percent in November. Following the "Statewide Job Openings" table are graphs which show a comparison of Statewide and National unemployment rates and North Carolina (adjusted and unadjusted) monthly rates, January - December, 1985, and quarterly average unemployment rates for the State for 1985.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	December, 1985	November, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,197,100	3,196,600
Employment	3,062,600	3,043,300
Unemployment	134,500	153,300
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,234,000	3,207,000
Employment	3,081,000	3,060,000
Unemployment	153,000	147,000
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.9	7.0

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: As of the middle of December, 1985, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers was $7.41, a noticeable net monthly rise of 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) as well as a net over-the-year gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Employees in the durable goods sector enjoyed a net monthly increase of 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to $7.65, which was a net yearly gain of 28¢ an hour (+3.8 percent). Primary metal industry employees experienced the largest net over-the-month rise in durable goods, climbing by 26¢ an hour (+3.0 percent) to hit $8.80 in December, 1985. In the fabricated metal industry, production workers enjoyed a net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.86. Nondurable goods sector workers saw a modest net over-the-month rise of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to $7.26, which was 27¢ an hour (+3.9 percent) above one year ago. Employees in tobacco manufacturing experienced the largest net monthly gain in nondurable goods, up by 26¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to a level of $13.04 in December of 1985. Chemical workers followed, enjoying the addition of 14¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) over the month to rise to $9.95. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by $4.99 (+1.7 percent) to $303.81 from mid-November to mid-December, 1985, while experiencing an over-the-year growth of $16.38 (+5.7 percent). In December, 1985, average weekly hours were 41.0, rising by 0.4 of an hour monthly and by 0.8 of an hour yearly.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO DECLINE: There were 174,112 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of December, 1985, a sharp net monthly drop of 12,845 persons (-6.9 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector was the largest applicant segment by age with 109,168 or 62.7 percent of the total, and the forty to fifty-four sector was a distant second with 30,732 or 17.6 percent. As is usually the case, the fifty-five and over age group had the lowest number of active applicants with 9,520 or only 5.5 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 89,491 or 51.4 percent of the total. Of the ethnic groups the white, not Hispanic, had the largest number of applicants with 95,266 or 54.7 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of December 31, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
December 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	174,112	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,692	14.2
22 - 39	109,168	62.7
40 - 54	30,732	17.6
55 and Over	9,520	5.5
Sex		
Male	84,621	48.6
Female	89,491	51.4
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	95,266	54.7
Black, not Hispanic	74,117	42.5
Hispanic	1,160	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,711	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	858	0.5
Eligible Claimant	77,415	44.5
Veteran	34,001	19.5
Handicapped	12,234	7.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,585	1.5
Welfare	27,173	15.6

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS FALLS OVER THE MONTH: There were 13,689 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State in December, 1985, a net over-the-month decrease of 3,498 (-20.4 percent). A high percentage of those openings was filled (84.0 percent or 11,501). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings in December was the miscellaneous sector with 2,581 and 2,330 or 90.3 percent were filled. The service segment followed with 2,377 openings of which 1,873 or 78.8 percent were filled. Openings in the clerical group numbered 1,842 and of these 1,209 or 65.6 percent wre filled. The lowest number of job openings received in December, 1985, was in the professional technical, and managerial sector with 688. Of the openings received only 267 or 38.8 percent were filled. From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985, there were 141,833 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The majority of those openings was filled (116,397 or 82.1 percent). As of December 31, 1985, there were 13,218 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those openings (8,923 or 67.5 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on North Carolina's job openings for December, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

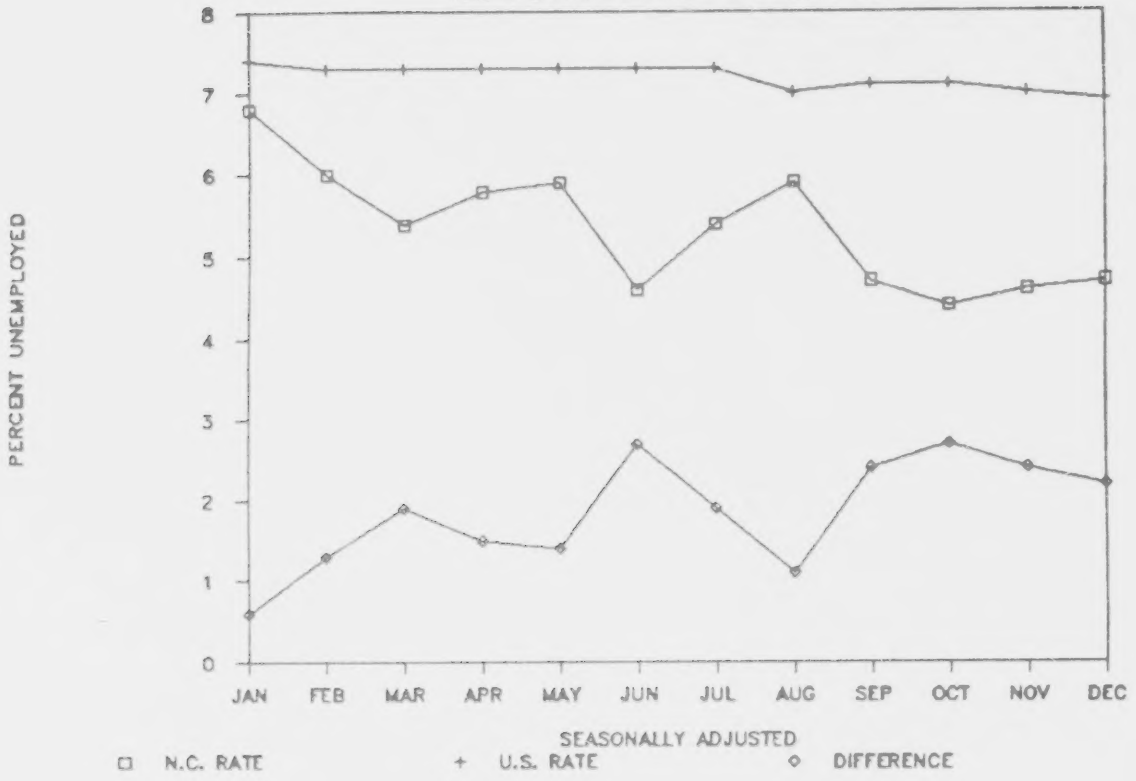
Statewide Job Openings Data

	December, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Dec. 31, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	688	267	5,460	2,847	1,435	987
Clerical	1,842	1,209	15,412	10,690	1,898	1,118
Sales	717	531	5,354	3,357	771	551
Service	2,377	1,873	21,897	16,922	2,744	1,981
Domestic	228	176	1,560	1,274	126	96
Other Services	2,149	1,697	20,337	15,648	2,618	1,885
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	1,026	930	27,930	27,752	158	103
Processing	725	484	6,052	5,506	360	274
Machine Trades	915	684	8,957	6,640	1,334	985
Bench Work	1,547	1,318	11,853	10,587	1,272	723
Structural Work	1,271	1,875	19,144	15,078	2,016	1,451
Miscellaneous	2,581	2,330	19,774	17,018	1,230	750
Motor Freight & Transp.	458	382	3,197	2,186	352	195
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	2,066	1,904	16,099	14,482	822	521
Other	57	44	478	350	56	34
Total	13,689	11,501	141,833	116,397	13,218	8,923

1/ July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

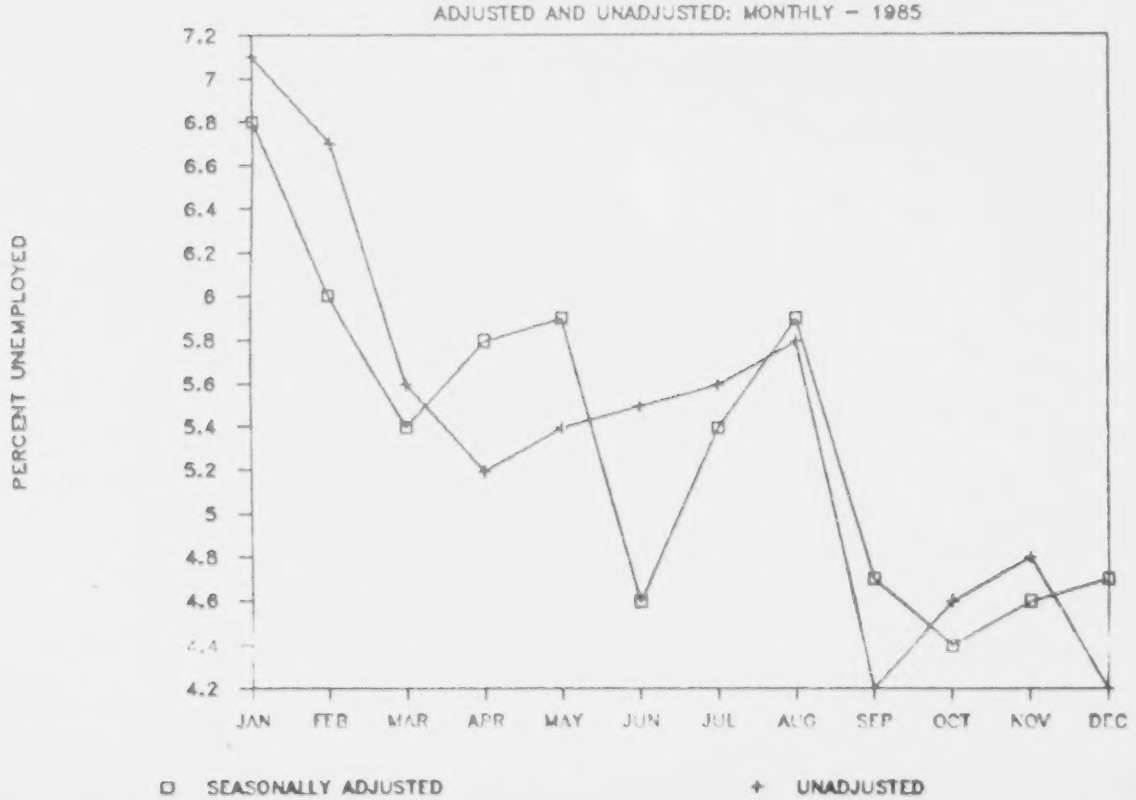
A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. JAN. – DECEMBER 1985



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: MONTHLY – 1985



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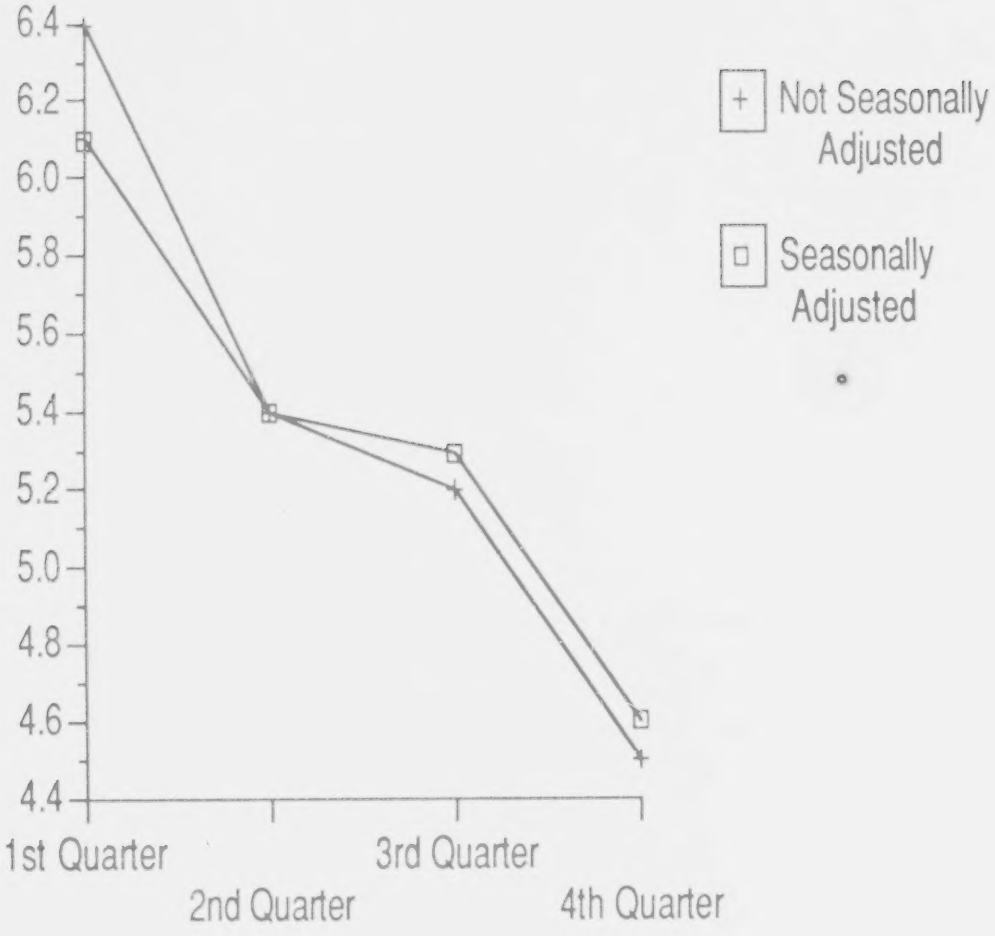

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1985 (Thous)	Nov.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1984 (Thous)	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,680.7	2,673.3	2,618.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	815.3	813.9	824.8	+ 0.2	- 1.2
DURABLE GOODS	329.7	328.5	335.4	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	36.0	36.7	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.5	13.2	+ 0.8	- 4.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.7	9.0	- 1.1	- 4.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	5.1	4.4	0	+15.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.7	83.6	84.8	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	73.4	73.3	74.6	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.9	36.1	37.1	- 0.6	- 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.7	31.7	31.4	0	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.9	18.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	11.3	- 0.9	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	27.1	26.9	27.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.6	8.5	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.3	53.7	56.1	- 0.7	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.5	- 1.4	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.5	62.1	64.4	+ 0.6	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.1	5.4	6.1	- 5.6	-16.4
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.6	20.8	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	14.6	15.6	+ 3.4	- 3.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.6	485.4	489.4	**	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	46.9	46.7	44.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Meat Products	20.0	19.9	18.5	+ 0.5	+ 8.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 3.6	0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.1	25.8	25.0	- 2.7	+ 0.4
Cigarettes	19.9	19.9	20.1	0	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.7	5.6	4.5	-16.1	+ 4.4
Textile Mill Products	205.8	205.5	210.5	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.8	51.8	57.3	0	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.4	29.0	0	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.7	27.5	0	-10.2
Knitting Mills	76.3	76.4	74.5	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	22.9	22.1	0	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.1	21.6	21.6	- 2.3	- 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.4	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	6.9	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.2	14.5	0	- 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.0	50.6	51.3	+ 0.8	- 0.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1985 (Thous)	Nov.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1984 (Thous)	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.7	90.6	90.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.6	29.5	29.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.8	39.8	40.6	0	- 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	22.3	- 0.4	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	11.0	0	- 6.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.3	25.1	24.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Newspapers	9.6	9.6	9.3	0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.0	35.9	37.3	+ 0.3	- 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.5	13.0	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.2	29.1	29.8	+ 0.3	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,865.4	1,859.4	1,793.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	153.3	153.5	141.9	- 0.1	+ 8.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.7	131.4	130.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.6	72.3	70.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.2	54.1	54.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	596.0	587.2	575.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	133.4	134.1	132.3	- 0.5	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.9	80.0	79.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.5	54.1	53.2	- 1.1	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	462.6	453.0	443.1	+ 2.1	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	67.3	61.6	63.7	+ 9.3	+ 5.7
Food Stores	68.8	68.4	67.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.1	112.0	106.0	+ 0.1	+ 5.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	429.9	429.0	404.8	+ 0.2	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.3	24.8	22.7	- 2.0	+ 7.0
Personal Services	27.7	27.5	26.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.2	10.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	437.7	441.8	430.5	- 0.9	+ 1.7
Federal	52.2	52.0	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
State	130.0	131.3	128.2	- 1.0	+ 1.4
Education	70.4	71.6	67.3	- 1.7	+ 4.6
Other	59.6	59.6	60.9	0	- 2.1
Local	255.5	258.5	251.8	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Education	141.5	141.3	138.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Other	114.0	117.2	113.2	- 2.7	+ 0.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985 (Thous)	November* 1985 (Thous)	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1985	December 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,659.2	2,647.4	2,597.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	814.8	809.3	824.2	+ 0.7	- 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	328.7	326.5	334.4	+ 0.7	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	35.8	36.8	+ 1.1	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.5	13.2	+ 0.8	- 4.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	9.0	0	- 4.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.2	5.1	4.4	+ 2.0	+18.2
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.6	83.8	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.5	72.6	73.7	- 0.1	- 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	36.9	36.0	38.1	+ 2.5	- 3.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.5	31.0	- 0.6	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.1	18.7	18.8	+ 2.1	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	+ 3.8	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	11.3	- 0.9	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.6	26.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.5	8.5	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.8	53.6	55.6	- 1.5	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.2	7.4	- 2.8	- 5.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.8	61.8	64.7	+ 1.6	- 2.9
Household Appliances	5.2	5.1	6.2	+ 2.0	-16.1
Transportation Equipment	22.1	21.7	21.1	+ 1.8	+ 4.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	14.5	15.6	+ 4.1	- 3.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.1	482.8	489.8	+ 0.7	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	46.9	46.3	44.6	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
Meat Products	20.0	19.8	18.5	+ 1.0	+ 8.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.8	2.6	- 7.1	0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.5	6.5	6.4	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.9	24.3	24.8	+ 2.5	+ 0.4
Cigarettes	19.9	19.8	20.1	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.5	3.8	4.3	+18.4	+ 4.7
Textile Mill Products	206.0	205.3	210.7	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	51.6	57.2	+ 0.2	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.3	26.3	28.9	0	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	24.7	27.6	+ 0.4	-10.1
Knitting Mills	76.8	76.6	74.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.8	22.9	22.0	- 0.4	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.3	21.6	21.8	- 1.4	- 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.4	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.1	14.5	+ 0.7	- 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.1	50.5	51.4	+ 1.2	- 0.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
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December, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985 (Thous)	November* 1985 (Thous)	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1985	December 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.2	89.9	91.1	+ 1.4	+ 0.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.7	29.2	29.3	+ 1.7	+ 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.1	39.6	40.9	+ 1.3	- 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.3	22.1	- 1.3	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.2	10.4	10.9	- 1.9	- 6.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.0	25.0	24.6	0	+ 1.6
Newspapers	9.5	9.6	9.2	- 1.0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.3	36.2	37.6	+ 0.3	- 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.5	13.0	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.3	29.1	29.9	+ 0.7	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,844.4	1,838.1	1,773.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	152.7	150.9	141.3	+ 1.2	+ 8.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	131.0	129.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.9	71.8	70.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.4	54.3	54.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	580.9	578.5	560.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	133.9	133.1	132.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	80.0	79.9	79.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.9	53.2	53.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	447.0	445.4	428.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	59.0	58.7	55.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Food Stores	68.2	68.1	66.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.3	112.2	106.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	436.0	431.6	410.5	+ 1.0	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26.5	25.7	24.7	+ 3.1	+ 7.3
Personal Services	28.0	27.9	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 6.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.6	429.2	419.9	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal	52.6	52.5	50.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	124.9	124.8	123.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Education	64.5	64.5	61.7	0	+ 4.5
Other	60.4	60.3	61.8	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Local	249.1	251.9	245.5	- 1.1	+ 1.5
Education	133.2	133.4	130.5	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Other	115.9	118.5	115.0	- 2.2	+ 0.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985	November* 1985	December 1984	November 1985	December 1984
MANUFACTURING	645.1	643.9	657.2	+ 0.2	- 1.8
DURABLE GOODS	248.1	246.9	255.5	+ 0.5	- 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	31.0	30.9	31.8	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.6	7.9	- 1.3	- 5.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.1	3.5	0	+ 17.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.7	73.6	75.7	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Household Furniture	65.2	65.1	67.2	+ 0.2	- 3.0
Wood Household Furniture	32.8	32.9	34.2	- 0.3	- 4.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.4	15.5	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 4.8	+ 10.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.3	8.6	- 1.2	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	20.6	20.3	20.1	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.1	26.3	27.5	- 0.8	- 5.1
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.9	5.1	- 2.0	- 5.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.1	43.7	47.4	+ 0.9	- 7.0
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	5.4	- 6.2	- 16.7
Transportation Equipment	17.5	17.4	16.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	397.1	396.9	401.7	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	32.9	32.8	30.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
Meat Products	17.8	17.7	16.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.9
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 5.3
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 7.7
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 5.9	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.4	0	+ 8.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.7	20.4	19.8	- 3.4	- 0.5
Cigarettes	15.2	15.2	15.4	0	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	4.4	3.5	- 18.2	+ 2.9
Textile Mill Products	182.1	181.9	186.6	+ 0.1	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.6	45.7	50.7	- 0.2	- 10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.2	23.2	25.7	0	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.9	22.0	24.5	- 0.5	- 10.6
Knitting Mills	67.6	67.8	69.8	- 0.3	- 2.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.8	20.8	19.9	0	+ 4.5
Hosiery, NEC	19.1	19.6	19.7	- 2.6	- 3.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.5	12.3	11.3	+ 1.6	+ 10.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	5.9	6.0	+ 1.7	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.8	11.9	12.2	- 0.8	- 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.4	46.1	47.0	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.2	79.1	80.1	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.6	25.6	26.4	0	- 3.0
Women's & Children's Garments	34.7	34.7	35.3	0	- 1.7
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.9	16.7	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	- 7.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.7	15.4	15.7	+ 1.9	0
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.0	22.9	24.2	+ 0.4	- 5.0
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.7	9.0	+ 1.1	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	23.9	24.4	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$303.81	$298.82	$287.43	41.0	40.6	40.2	$7.41	$7.36	$7.15
DURABLE GOODS	322.07	311.19	309.54	42.1	41.0	42.0	7.65	7.59	7.37
Lumber & Wood Products	268.27	261.06	246.22	41.4	40.6	40.9	6.48	6.43	6.02
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	259.37	253.78	244.53	41.7	40.8	41.8	6.22	6.22	5.85
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	288.68	276.26	276.46	39.6	38.8	40.3	7.29	7.12	6.86
Furniture & Fixtures	275.00	266.63	257.75	40.5	39.5	40.4	6.79	6.75	6.38
Household Furniture	272.30	263.98	256.14	40.4	39.4	40.4	6.74	6.70	6.34
Wood Household Furniture	261.76	256.94	244.19	40.9	40.4	39.9	6.40	6.36	6.12
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	340.37	337.22	327.23	42.6	42.1	43.0	7.99	8.01	7.61
Structural Clay Products	295.03	287.43	281.94	44.1	42.9	44.4	6.69	6.70	6.35
Primary Metal Industries	403.92	359.53	373.50	45.9	42.1	45.0	8.80	8.54	8.30
Fabricated Metal Products	337.98	329.09	326.28	43.0	42.3	42.1	7.86	7.78	7.75
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	380.30	355.74	372.12	44.9	42.3	44.3	8.47	8.41	8.40
Special Industry Machinery	347.99	321.91	325.92	44.5	40.8	42.0	7.82	7.89	7.76
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.02	348.53	362.93	41.2	41.1	42.9	8.52	8.48	8.46
Household Appliances	272.65	283.48	249.98	41.0	42.5	38.4	6.65	6.67	6.51
Transportation Equipment	371.80	366.68	349.92	44.0	43.6	43.2	8.45	8.41	8.10
NONDURABLE GOODS	293.30	290.97	272.51	40.4	40.3	39.0	7.26	7.22	6.99
Food & Kindred Products	268.80	265.86	261.45	40.0	40.1	40.1	6.72	6.63	6.52
Meat Products	223.69	221.94	206.63	38.7	38.8	37.5	5.78	5.72	5.51
Meat Packing	347.16	343.65	334.98	44.0	43.5	42.4	7.89	7.90	7.90
Dairy Products	298.12	291.92	267.50	44.1	43.7	42.8	6.76	6.68	6.25
Grain Mill Products	322.08	305.27	311.24	45.3	43.3	44.4	7.11	7.05	7.01
Bakery Products	288.23	299.74	308.85	41.0	41.4	43.5	7.03	7.24	7.10
Beverages	525.34	492.20	516.88	44.6	43.1	45.5	11.78	11.42	11.36
Tobacco Manufacturers	485.09	458.80	460.11	37.2	35.9	37.9	13.04	12.78	12.14
Cigarettes	549.60	540.14	521.50	36.5	36.3	37.9	15.06	14.88	13.76
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	219.54	173.04	202.23	39.7	33.6	37.8	5.53	5.15	5.35
Textile Mill Products	267.08	267.97	242.17	40.9	41.1	38.5	6.53	6.52	6.29
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	292.41	301.18	268.11	40.5	41.6	38.8	7.22	7.24	6.91
Weaving Mills, Cotton	283.19	299.22	263.42	38.9	40.6	38.4	7.28	7.37	6.86
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	302.87	302.46	273.53	42.3	42.6	39.3	7.16	7.10	6.96
Knitting Mills	234.08	234.74	218.04	38.5	38.8	37.4	6.08	6.05	5.83
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	219.54	210.18	214.70	37.4	36.3	37.8	5.87	5.79	5.68
Hosiery, NEC	213.73	231.55	208.05	35.8	38.4	36.5	5.97	6.03	5.70
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	263.81	263.16	228.16	40.4	40.3	36.8	6.53	6.53	6.20
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	318.92	297.70	275.10	46.9	44.7	42.0	6.80	6.66	6.55
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	293.87	292.32	270.44	42.9	42.8	41.1	6.85	6.83	6.58
Yarn & Thread Mills	274.09	271.99	228.69	43.3	42.9	37.8	6.33	6.34	6.05
Apparel & Other Textile Products	199.68	197.74	187.50	38.4	38.1	37.5	5.20	5.19	5.00
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	201.00	195.94	182.43	37.5	36.9	35.7	5.36	5.31	5.11
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	180.31	183.49	177.92	37.1	37.6	37.3	4.86	4.88	4.77
Paper & Allied Products	510.75	501.75	475.89	45.4	44.6	43.7	11.25	11.25	10.89
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	665.38	664.54	587.66	46.4	46.7	44.3	14.34	14.23	13.27
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	379.68	356.16	335.58	45.8	43.7	43.3	8.29	8.15	7.75
Printing & Publishing	341.38	329.48	317.60	40.4	38.9	39.9	8.46	8.47	7.96
Newspapers	274.12	276.89	284.87	33.8	34.1	35.3	8.11	8.12	8.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	415.91	410.06	390.51	41.8	41.8	41.9	9.95	9.81	9.32
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	454.30	450.47	438.18	42.3	42.1	42.5	10.74	10.70	10.31
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	384.72	380.72	370.94	42.0	41.7	41.4	9.16	9.13	8.96
MINING	390.66	394.13	353.79	47.7	48.3	45.3	8.19	8.16	7.81
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	493.61	496.65	458.79	42.7	43.0	41.0	11.56	11.55	11.19
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	200.41	196.06	198.20	32.8	32.3	33.2	6.11	6.07	5.97
Wholesale Trade	306.54	299.92	300.60	39.3	38.9	39.5	7.80	7.71	7.61
Retail Trade	172.92	168.91	170.73	31.1	30.6	31.5	5.56	5.52	5.42
General Merchandise Stores	170.67	157.30	170.22	30.1	28.6	32.3	5.67	5.50	5.27
Food Stores	189.66	187.02	201.37	32.7	32.3	33.9	5.80	5.79	5.94
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	138.70	136.16	135.90	29.7	29.6	30.2	4.67	4.60	4.50
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	197.45	199.11	190.58	35.9	36.4	36.3	5.50	5.47	5.25

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